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Dear Clay,

I appreciate the time you took for your 11/29 and I do not question the effectiveness of Internet for most subjects but for me, as I'll explain, it is not so. There have been some mentions and nothing has come of them. I think I got one letter, but that is not the main reason.

By now you should have gotten the ms. and the explanation for the delay. The actuality of my situation is that I can't keep track of the mansucripts as anyone ordinarily would. That one should turn up but it hasn't.

It is unsafe for me to use most stairs and I do not. I've not been in our basement, where I have a little file space remaining, for at least three years. All the file drawers of all the cabinets in my office are filled and I'm using boxes and shelf space for filing! Most of the shelf space not in my office.

I am much more feeble that my voice indicates or you were able to perceive when I spoke at Hood. When the local hospital rushed me to Johns Hokins in Baltimore a year and a half ago the doctor did not expect me to survive. That was the third time for that expectation. Hopkins treated me for nine ailments, according to the report to the local critical-care expert who sent me there, several usually fatal. That was the second local hospitalization for congestive heart failure and too much with it to go into. But I'm surviving and I want to avoid what can interfere with that. One thing would be needless criticism from the assassination nuts who live with inpossible theories and regard all who do not agree with them as government agents. I do not want any more of that and now, with high blood pressure for the first time in a long life, I want particularly to avoid what can send that up.

While I am not happy with the realities I've acceped them and get along with them. Thus I long ago forgot about editing the manuscripts. I have to first get on paper what I can and then be as certain of its accuracy as I can be. I've had to accept the fact that what manuscript uses there can be will be by scholars in the future and for that the editing and polishing is not nearly as worthwhile as getting more on paper for them, for the future, for history. So My first priority is getting it on paper and the second is having confidence in the factual accuracy. And it is because the material is so complicated that I've asked those who have done the retyping not to male ~~any changes~~ other than typos but to use a highlighter on the rough draft, with or without notes added, to call to may attention what they have questions about. Mostly when that has been done it

over comprehensibility or what is a real problem for me, confabulation. I can look at a page and see what is in my mind rather than what is on the paper!

From what I've seen of what has been on the Internet it is not really information about the assassination. I have no doubt that for most of what is there, intentions were good, but good intentions does not make truth or fact.

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On the existing manuscripts, some of those to whom I've given disks will, I'm sure, lend them.

I've just finished the rough draft of an Afterword for Waketh the Watchman, about 20,000 words, based on what was not available to me earlier. This represents a constant problem, what to do when added info. is available. And now I'll return to what I laid aside to do that, The Dark Side of Sy Hersh. His is a book of the most thorough and deliberate dishonesty. The controversy, which is necessary for history and for understanding now, will sell more books for him.

Hope you can make out OK in the ms and that you and your family have as good a holiday season as is possible.

I should have included above that I do not want to waste any time in arguing with those of whom I've written critically or their fans. Some of them are also dangerous for me when only a psuh can have awful consequences. But most of all I do not want to waste any of the time that remains to me that way.

Thanks and best,

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